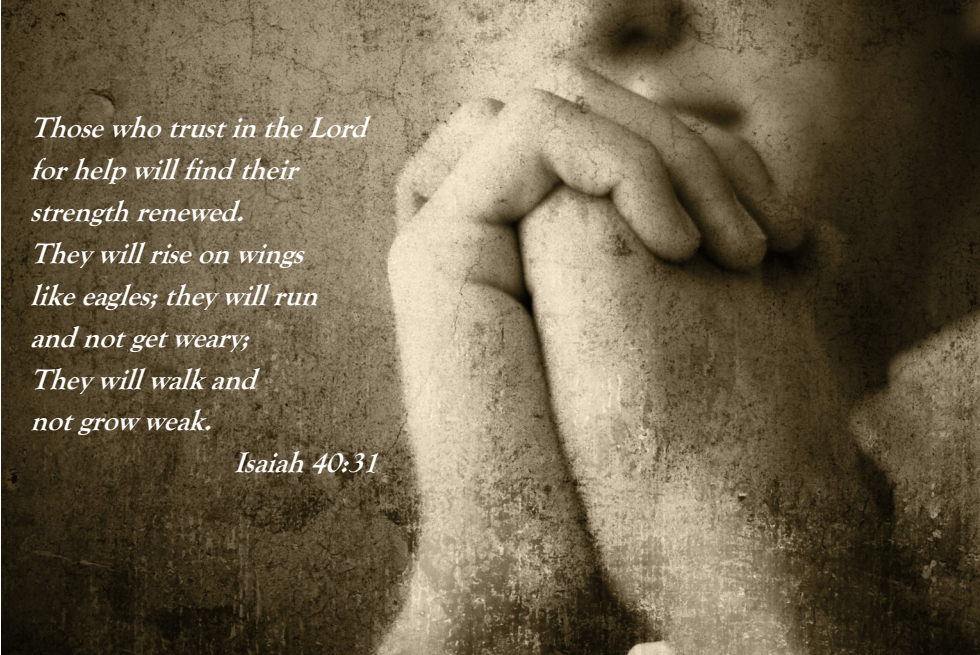


# CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



*Those who trust in the Lord  
for help will find their  
strength renewed.  
They will rise on wings  
like eagles; they will run  
and not get weary;  
They will walk and  
not grow weak.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

*March 11, 2018*

*Please use the gold prayer request cards in the pew racks;  
place in the offering plate.*

## *Prayers of Thanksgiving*

Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A prayer for the UPC Border Mission Trip participants:**

By your will, O God, we go out into the world with good news of your undying love, and minister in the midst of human need to show wonders of your grace. We pray for men and women who minister for you in Reynosa, Mexico. May they be strengthened by our concern, and supported by our gifts. Do not let them be discouraged, but make them brave and glad and hopeful in your word; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

### *For those who mourn*

O merciful God, you teach us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children. Look with pity on the sorrows of those who mourn, for whom we pray. Remember them, O lord, in mercy. Strengthen them in patience, comfort them with the memory of your goodness, let your presence shine on them, and give them peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The family & friends of Julia M. Penn, who died March 4; friend to Karen Miller

The family of Sue Ann Gearhart, who died February 26; mother of Rob Gearhart

The family of Lillian Kirkpatrick, who died February 22; mother of Karen Werkenthin

The family of James Warren Deats, who died February 10; father of Craig Deats

All who have lost loved ones to the flu, especially Jessie Hsu in the loss of a newborn cousin

The family of Mary Ruth Tompkins, who died January 17

### *For those recovering from or facing surgery*

Mighty and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives. We praise you that today you send healing in doctors and nurses, and bless us with technology in medicine. We claim your promise of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind, who long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love. Then all shall be renewed in vigor to point to the risen Christ, who conquered death that we might live eternally. Amen.

John Johnson, friend of Susan Berlin  
Laura Grice, daughter of Karen & Neal Grice  
Cousin of Susie Cook; friend of Karen Miller  
Betty Mallard, friend of Karen Miller  
Travis Turner, great-nephew of Ann Winkle  
Glen Tandy, friend of Susan Berlin  
Steven Scher, friend of Karen Miller  
Charlotte Cooper, friend of Karen Miller  
Bonnie Wildman, aunt of Jennifer Bradley  
Jacob Pilcher, friend of Janis Reinken  
Jamie Keller, daughter-in-law of Carol Keller  
Linda Drain Park, friend of Karen Miller

Heidi Spock  
Elaine Wagner  
Bob Ott, friend of Karen Miller  
Shannon Matthews  
Alex Busby, heart transplant  
David Phillips  
Karen Cappolino  
Mary Cognetti  
Jim Budd  
Ricardo Medrano  
Frances Trahan  
Anita Clemons

### *For the sick*

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Joy Schiller, at St. Davids Central; mother of Donna Parks  
Stephen Tompkins, recovering at home from pneumonia  
Sylvia Chao, who continues radiation treatment; mother of David Chao  
Peggy Miller, transferred to a skilled nursing facility  
Grace Martin, hospitalized, cousin of Ann Winkle  
Kathy Joy, wife of former member Glenn Joy  
Laura Davidson Fowell, friend of Karen Miller  
Ben Johnston-Krase, former associate pastor at UPC  
The cousin and family of Suzie Cook; friend of Karen Miller  
Griffin Perkins, friend of Ben Bradford  
Ted Pitzer, who suffered a stroke at 32; friend of Amy Praskac  
Bill Turpin, husband of Delilah Turpin, father of Brad Turpin  
Mike Hetherington, wife Charlotte, sons Christopher & Charlie; friends of Karen Miller  
Mother and brother of Stephanie Morris

### *For the sick*

Nancy Bazaz, niece of Helen Bardagjy  
Courtney Long, daughter of Marie Werkenthin Long, under hospice care  
Hank Bass, co-parent with Randal Whittington, cancer  
Fred Perella, father of Claire Baxter  
Mike Maynard, friend of Liz Wright and Scott Kelley  
Andy Kates, friend of Alex Pappas  
Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford  
The Rev. Dr. Albert Aymer, father of Margaret Aymer Oget  
Sharon Bayer  
Jeanne Janson, major health issues following Hurricane Harvey  
Dick Cassidy, friend of Karen Miller  
Jim & Elizabeth Zorn, parents of Becky Lott  
Hall Kelly, friend of Karen Miller  
Waylon Wimberly, cousin of Suzanne Freeman  
David Reynolds, friend of Shannon Middleton  
JC Stromberger, brother of Karen Miller  
Aletha Keelen, mother of Nancy Lewis  
Marilyn Bradford, mother-in-law of Jennifer Bradford  
Laurie McConnell, niece of Katherine Ray  
Russell Luigs, father of Susan Thompson  
Kane P., friend of Maureen & Andy Carlson  
Dan Marshall, friend of Jim & Katherine Ray  
Chris, friend of Nancy Barnes  
Norma, mother of Paul Hooker  
Kristen, Amanda Utter's aunt  
Marquita Wooley, friend of Karen Miller  
Ellen Kinney, Diane Eddison's sister

### *For those in harm's way*

*The world is yours, mighty God, and all people live by your faithfulness. Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities. Watch over those who are traveling, who drive or fly, or speed through space. May they be careful, but not afraid, and safely reach their destinations. Wherever we wander in your spacious world, teach us that we never journey beyond your loving care, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen*

John Roberts, brother-in-law of Jessie Hsu, deployed to South Korea  
Jordan Thomas Parker, deployed to Egypt grandson of Mary Ann & Luther Parker

### *For those awaiting a birth & new parents*

*Mighty God, by your love we are given children through the miracle of birth. May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and surround them all with faith, so they may know who you are and want to be your disciples. Never let us neglect children, but help us to enjoy them, showing them the welcome you have shown us all; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen*

Karen & Carter Blackburn, Elizabeth Geraldine, born 01-17-18  
Sarah & Byron French, due July 2018  
Claire & Mark Baxter, Hope Janie Baxter, born 01-19-18  
Abigail Martin & Jason Blalock, Georgia Rio Morales Blalock, born 09-10-17  
Erik & Andrea Wofford, Luke Daniel, born 08-07-17  
Jessie & Josh Hsu, Josiah Hao-Yu, born 07-14-17  
Elyse Fort & Ian Jacques, Maya Elizabeth, born 07-07-17  
Piper Madison & Daniel Betts, Harvey Nash Betts Madison, born 05-17-17  
Emily & Travis Givens, Elizabeth Anne, born 04-11-17

### *For continued prayers*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are the comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer.  
Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress, grant  
mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hadeel and Nabeel, refugees supported by the UPC Service Committee in 2017  
Janie Maldonado, friend of Elaine Wagner  
Patti Turner, niece of Ann Winkle  
Alex, brother of a friend of Meg McReynolds  
Topher Wynn  
Matthew Roe, Allison Phillips's brother-in-law  
The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico  
Catherine, Nancy Barnes' Goddaughter  
Rebecca Kieschnick, friend of Katherine Ray  
Sam, Pat Mayne's brother  
Leo Lopez & family

The Laney family  
The Abell family  
Kathie McNutt  
Hildur Satre Brees

Riki Graves  
James Quick  
Roy Craig  
Susan Berlin

Margaret Richardson  
Barbara Engstrom  
Margery McKee  
Alice Meriwether

### *For inquirers / candidates under care*

God of prophets and apostles, you have chosen leaders to train your people in the way of Jesus Christ. We thank you that in our day you are still claiming men and women for special work within the church. As these have dedicated themselves to you, let us pledge ourselves to them, so that, surrounded by affection and hope, they may grow in wisdom, mature in love, and become a faithful worker, approved by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eric Peterson, Ezequiel Herrera

### *We pray for those searching for work*

Gracious God, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you'd like to be part of UPC's Prayer Chain, please email the church office:  
**[upc@upcaustin.org](mailto:upc@upcaustin.org)**

You will receive emails asking you specifically to pray  
for people who have requested prayer support.